mortality, has put a significance upon the matter which causes it to strike home to

every family, community, city and state. He has said: "Infant mortality is the most

welfare. If babies were well born and

well cared for, their mortality would

be negligible. The infant death rate

measures the intelligence, health and

right living of fathers and mothers,

the standards of morals and sanita-

tion of communities and governments,

And, although it is most probabl

that Dr. Newsholme was not aiming at

any country in particular, it neverthe

less remains a fact that the United States loses 300,000 babies annually

and, so far as estimates can determine

all during their first year. That means

was plunged into grief at the Titanic

needed to decrease the number

cessities, relieved by none of the rugs,

some offices such an attractive appear-

ance. But there is one thing that is

worthy of mention. In the bare little

"reception room," if it can be so called.

hangs a picture, both cheap and small.

It is the picture of a woman holding a

any well populated city. That picture

only the primal instinct of mother love

to keep her child from joining the

army of dying infants. It is the per-

sonal element which lifts any enter-

the children's bureau is small, those

Illinois, was a lawyer, and for years

Miss Lathrop was his private secre-

residence at Hull House, Chicago,

taking now. In addition, for twelve

was the sole member of that body able to

answer the call, and she immediately

set out for the stricken district, wait-

ing only long enough to secure a pair

Miss Lathrop was instrumental in the

campaign which resulted in Illinois

passing the first juvenile court law.

Chicago court on a sound foundation.

been interested include the Chicago

School of Civics and Philanthropy, a

stitutions for the insane how to re-

who hold executive posi-

mechanical labor.

Woman

bronze clocks, paintings, etc., which give will be no less honorable to yourselves

the efficiency of physicians, nurses health officers and educators."

sensitive index we possess

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#### The Constitution Under Fire.

to be a joint debate next fall, "from coast to coast," between Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow of Ohio and former Gov. Hanley of Indiana on this question: "Resolved, substituted." Mr. Bigelow will take the

Mr. Bigelow was a lieutenant of the late Tom L. Johnson, and learned his politics from him. He presided over the latest constitutional convention in Ohio. were incorporated into that remarkable document. He is a man of extreme political views. Mr. Hanley is a republican, has held office as such, and still holds the

While neither of these men is a national insure for their deliverances on this most they may draw into the field of discussion pie. What says Mr. Wilson?

call themselves reformers. He would at work through the New York delegation The early passage of this measure is cast it aside for something modern and that saved the day for the Jersey candiup-to-date. So would many men now date. did good work. Nor do the men scat-The argument-or rather the assertion-

diate needs. Praise to them for that. urns should no longer govern us.

celebrated American poet, who took similar ground as respected the Scriptures:

Says they didn't know everything

And yet the Scriptures have survived. And maybe the Constitution will survive. Still, let us have a full bill of particulars from those who have outgrown it. What, in detail, would they put in its to the extent that Tammany is strengthplace? What, in their opinion, is the full demand of the times?

#### The Housing of Diplomats.

Opposition is expressed in some quarters to the idea of providing funds for the rental of homes for ambassadors paign. and ministers at foreign capitals and for furnishing and equipping them. It is suggested that foreign representatives are no longer as essential in the transaction of international business as they cations, are ab'e to carry on most of the important business between the nations, largely ornamental functionaries. If this view is to obtain, the logical step is to abandon all of the embassies and legations and to establish merely consular agents at the foreign capitals for the ternational exchange. Such a step by the United States would render it an object of wonderment on the part of all the world. This would certainly be a very risky undertaking. This country has now such widespread interests, covering all quite certain of full representation everywhere, and unless it is definitely going net afford to reduce its communications as New York. to the basis of mails and cables. If necessaries of life. It is practically imof these positions without some personal sacrifice. The only way in which he upon his private funds is to live in quarters scarcely comparable with those occupied by the representatives of fifth rate states. Thus, short of the reduction of our diplomatic representation to a bare consular basis, the United States is compelled under the present arrangement to name for these positions men who are able and willing to pay for adequate housing out of their own pockets. The way out is for the government to provide its representatives with adequate

no true lady puts arsenic in her husband's coffee

# The Dingley Law.

have defeated him. Nonsense! tisan complexion, except in so far as the President or Vice President elected joy I can't express. democrats claimed they had forced the through the formal declaration of the This garden is undoubtedly a swift

declared that the democrats had taken THE EVENING STAR the republicans by "the scruff of the tion proceedings and places the inauguraneck" and made them fight. But that, of tien at a season of such assured clemcourse, was a mere flourish; a "tease" in ency that there can be no danger what-

cipally on his part in it.

complished that purpose. By 1900, busi- President inaugurated, and they want to ness, which had languished under the witness something in the way of a spec-Cleveland administration, was again tacle, a tangible participation by the pubbooming, and labor, which had been on lic. As between the two days proposed its uppers, was again employed, and eat- for the inauguration by these pending ing meat three times a day if it so de-

The law had succeeded because it had een honestly drawn in redemption of a campaign promise made after an honest study of business needs and conditions. The party of protection had promised protection, and here it was, undisguised, in legislation. And protection had proved to be the remedy for the Cleveland fight. Hence the strength of the republican ap- ance for this work, do it yourself. This peal when Mr. McKinley offered for in-

The lesson in that record for the democrasts at this time is that honesty is the best policy. Huggermugger, when it succeeds at all, succeeds but for a day. The republicans, believing in protection, promised it, and, having promised it, gave it, According to an announcement, there is and, having diagnosed the case correctly. were rewarded with a long lease of power. They won in that year, again in of waste. There is something demoraliz-1900, again in 1904 and again in 1908. The democrats last year diagnosed the old trash that is of no value has a bad case as too much protection, they pro- effect upon the whole household. There and obsolete and should be amended or nounced against protection and promised will be ample means for taking off all the altered in its fundamentals, or a new one tariff revision on revenue lines. Let them stuff that is put outside for removal. In keep their promise now, and abide by the The Star's news columns are explicit inaffirmative, and Mr. Hanley the negative result. Huggermugger wins, when at all, but temporarily. They played that game twenty years ago, and lost by it. Better

#### Mr. Wilson and Tammany. New York democrats opposed to Tam-

one will be disastrous to its inventors.

necessary, and will be made, but a tricky

many are asking the President to ignore figure, both are of enough consequence to that organization in the distribution of patronage. They do not want it to get interesting subject wide attention, and even a cold potato, much less a piece of men of greater size. And by starting the It is easy to believe that Tammany is ball rolling this year they will give time not a favorite at the White House. Mr. for the crystallizing of much sentiment Wilson cannot have forgotten Baltimore, hefore the congressional elections of next and to remember Baltimore is to remembearing on the presidential contest three years hence.

Wilson, and only the nerve and staying qualities of Mr. Bryan prevented a Tamyear, which, as all concede, will be ber Tammany. Mr. Murphy did his best Mr. Bigelow thinks the Constitution a many triumph. It was Mr. Bryan's declog on progress. So do many men who nunciation of the anti-Wilson influences

training in the old camps. He does not Tammany, it is true, accepted the ticket deny that for a long time the old chart with good grace, and worked for its success in November. The organization, in tered over the country who are despair- all its history, has seldom been irregular. to be approached by guides with offers ing of both of the old parties as instru- It has bestirred itself more in some cam- to take him around and point out the paigns than in others, but, generally, it prominent people. has done its best for the party. Last is that the fathers performed valuable year it managed to get the braves to the

But present day glorification of them is pugnance to such company, there is reaunwise, and even dangerous. Dead hands son why at this time he should be caushould no longer guide us. Spirits from tious about administering punishment. A city election is scheduled for Greater New It was a Mr. Robinson, celebrated by a York next fall, and a state election for the fall following. If the democrats lose the city they may lose the state, and if they should lose both, and the republicans 'come back," the effect on the democracy would be depressing, and it might be

> Now, as we all know, to the extent that Tammany is weakened the New York democracy is weakened. And, conversely, age-the greater is the assurance of dem- in the statute books. ocratic success at the polls. One cannot eat his cake and have it. A democratic leader in Greater New York, at Albany, sist on mentioning the authors and comor here in Washington, cannot hamstring posers of light operas instead of the danc-Tammany and profit by it in a cam- ing teachers.

Tammany is pretty bad-about the worst thing of the kind in business. But no worse at one time than another. Why should men coddle it one year and cuff it the next? Is not the laborer-even Tammany-worthy of his hire? And particularly when he has been welcomed to the vineyard effusively, and encouraged to do

Mr. Wilson is tackling an old proposition, and one that has given more experienced politicians than himself much trouble. What will he do with it?

The Indiana legislature indorsed "On the Banks of the Wabash" as its state song and immediately the Wabash broke loose with a display of fierceness that suggests support to the theory that things we call inanimate really possess some

Every now and then something is said to remind us that Judge Gaynor is the man who looked Washington over and said he had no doubt it was as frivolous

Only carping cynicism would suggest maintained at the foreign capitals they that Vincent Astor will be the same kind should be decently provided with the of a farmer that Sir Thomas Lipton is a

The spring rains may always be depended upon to provide a large number of good roads arguments which will soon tube skirts."

The climate suggests that the weather ectivities have passed into the hands of a man who is no base ball fan.

### Shafroth and Henry Amendments.

Senator Shafroth's proposed amendmen to the Constitution, changing the date of congressional sessions and of the presi- "I'm going to make a garden soon," dential inauguration, differs from the Henry amendment, already introduced in the House, in that it brings the inaugurain several states it seems desirable to tion-forward to the second Monday in I'm going to rise at daybreak, when go to some pains to impress the fact that January instead of the last Thursday in April. Otherwise it is virtually the same And gayly warble 'Tra-la-la' and some proposal as regards convening Congress promptly after its election. Senator Shaf- I'll buy myself some overalls, likewise Harry Thaw continues to demonstrate roth proposes to permit a week to elapse that consignment to Matteawan does not between the assembling of Congress and And all the rest of what you need to necessarily imply a retirement from pub- the inauguration of the President, probably for the purpose of permitting the new I'll read the books that tell the use House and Senate to canvass the electoral vote. This is an unsafe margin of Or at least look at the pictures when time for such a purpose. In the first For the purpose probably of "rattling" place, Congress will meet under either the democrats, there is a revival of the the Henry or the Shafroth amendment He dug around for quite awhile, did From the Jersey City Journal. assertion that only the war with Spain, within two months of election day, and successfully prosecuted under a republisher is no absolute certainty that the elec. And then he cried, "What luck a little lican administration, saved that party toral votes of the states will be ready for from defeat in 1900. Mr. McKinley won canvassing by the day of the convening. This soil is most productive. I observe on the prestige of a military success. Furthermore, delays may occur in the or-Otherwise, the Dingley tariff law would ganization of the House and Senate, pos- As fine a let of fishing worms as ever sibly with deadlocks in the election of the Mr. McKinley would have won if Speaker. The country would be in a And there's a sapling that will make America and Spain had exchanged bou- sorry plight if through delays in the quets instead of bullets about Cuba. The presentation of the electoral vote or de- And here's a cord for measuring, a war had nothing to do with his re-elec- lays in congressional organization the tion. The conflict had not been of a par- second Monday in January found no I didn't hope for such results. My

ever in the great national assemblage The war once begun-reluctantly on here in Washington certain under any Mr. McKinley's part-had been prosecut- circumstances to witness the induction of ed with vigor, both democrats and repub- a President into office. An inauguration icans responding with enthusiasm, and on the second Monday in January would in the campaign of 1900 this fact stood cost this country dearly in human life. out plainly. Had he tried, Mr. McKinley Safety would lie only in the abandonment could not have made goal solely or prin- of all outdoor features and the reduction of the inauguration to a simple indoor He won largely on the Dingley law. He ceremony of no interest whatever to the had come in four years before on a prom- public. It is not to be believed that there ise of tariff revision which would "re- is any material public sentiment in favor open the mills"; and the Dingley law, in of such a change of custom. The people part shaped and signed by him, had ac- want to come to Washington to see the

resolution gives ample time for these elec-

and territories." amendments that of late April will appeal to the country at large more strongly

than that of early January. Tomorrow's Clean-Up Work. Do not forget that tomorrow begins the clean-up week. Start the first thing

in the morning on the work of scouring the premises. If you cannot hire assistis not an altruistic endeavor, but it is for your individual benefit. The health of your household depends upon the cleanliness of your own establishment. It is not enough that it should be almost clean. Disease burks in the corners and flies breed in the neglected dark places in the cellars and around garbage cans. The only safe way is to make everything absolutely pure and to clear away every bit ing in disorder, and the accumulation of point, and there will be no reason whatever for any chizen failing to get his premises in first-class order by the end of the week. To make sure of this everystricky compromise. A compromise is body should try to get to this point on the first day. The man who cleans up his own place by nightfall tomorrow will have reason to regard himself with ap-

The Government's Liability. Senator Kern is author of a bill, in troduced yesterday, which aims at the correction of the present law relating to compensation for employes of the United States who suffer injuries or diseases incidental to occupations under the government. The defects of the statute as it stands are such that it is efit of a fair system of compensations. demanded by every consideration of jus-

By this time President Wilson is sufficiently well known at the Capitol not

Mrs. Pankhurst's appetite, even though under heroic discipline, has not met the supreme test unless it has been conlove Tammany, and may even feel a re- fronted with Maryland fried chicken or a

> income tax is not almost as thankless a proceeding as digging up alimony.

> Now and then a town which has never succeeded in finding a mayor and a city council it could fully trust comes out strong for municipal ownership.

Direct election will give a large number of stat legislattors more time to think ened-by city, state or national patron- up picturesque and original ideas to put

Custom is so strong that programs in-

## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON

It May Be Done.

"It is impossible to satisfy a champagne appetite on a beer income." "It is-unless you own brewery

The true egotist is the man who imagines he is attracting attention to his particular line of comedy in a crowd of

Patience Sorely Tried. "No man has any excuse for being a woman hater.

"How about a London policeman?"

An Unconsidered Tax. How greatly might the general care relax.

In times when promises gild each f revenues resulted from the tax They boldly place on the imagina-

Straight and Narrow

"You seek to walk the straight and narrow way?" said the earnest friend. "Of course," replied Miss Cayenne; "you have to walk that way in these

#### Modified Views.

"I have changed my mind," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "It is not a disgrace; merely a misfortune."

#### Early Crop.

said Aristides Bings. I'm going to raise tomatoes, corn and radishes and things. the sky is mild and blue.

times, 'Too-ri-loo.' a spade and hoe, make a garden grow.

I have a little time." Aristides Bings,

of bone dust and of lime.

honest effort brings! where'er I look graced a hook.

a first-rate fishing pole! stout and goedly roll.

administration into action. Champ Clark federal canvassing board. The Henry and huge success!"

When Congress passed the act creat-|lish statistician, in speaking of infant ing the children's bureau, a year ago the 9th of this month. the duties assigned to it were as follows: "The said bureau shall investigate and report upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of children and child life among all classes of our people, and shall especially investigate the questions of infant mortality, the birth rate, orphanage, occupations, accidents and diseases of children, employment, legislation affecting children in the several states

When the bureau began operations, upon the passage of the legislative, 800 bables every day or 3,000,000 executive and judicial appropriation babies every ten years. This country bill, August 23 last, it had before it one of the greatest propositions that has confronted any bureau established Ohio and Indiana. Yet, when compared It was in this city-in yonder Capitolwithin recent years.

To investigate matters pertaining "to the welfare of children and child life among all classes of our people" meant to deal with a subject that represents practically the entire country. There exist more than 2,000,000 babies under one year of age, and almost one-third of our population is saving lives well known to any intelliless than fifteen years of age. And to gent member of a community. the remaining two-thirds must be left the care and protection of those little

Last August the children's bureau was represented by a force of fifteen persons, and an annual fund of \$30,-000. With this small sum with which to carry out the work-and pay salaries -for an entire year, the question of what to do first was difficult, for there was a large field of possible subjects from which to choose. Birth registration was selected for first inquiry, and that subject was at once investigated. ago on that subject presents the situation in this country. It shows, for instance, that only seven states have proper registration laws. Michigan, Pennsylvania and the New England states; that some having laws do not enforce them, and that four states have no such laws whatever.

That investigation, however, was only the first step in a series. The second step is being taken now. Any bureau which has to do with the question of babies has, necessarily, a difficult proposition on its hands. In making an investigation dealing, say, with the care babies receive during their first year, a thorough canvass has to be made in which the mothers themselves must be appealed to for information. Until the monograph dents of the District of Columbia, where, according to the experts of the bureau, excellent laws exist-and are enforced. This opinion, in fact, was held by the staff of the bureau, and it was only on making an actual investigation that the true state of affairs was discovered. Until the birth registration was determined, then, it was impossible for the bureau to undertake any serious work.

The investigation under way at present is going on in Johnstown, Pa. The reasons which led to this choice are numerous. Serious consideration as to the financial situation of the bureau led to one of between 1,500 and 2,000 births in one time a member of Congress from a year could be thoroughly dealt with. Johnstown, having 1,700 births in 1911, was the proper size. Also, the registrawas possible to get the names and ad- training Miss Lathrop spent a long dresses of those families in which a baby had been born during that period. Two woman agents of the bureau are

now in Johnstown conducting the investi- Addams, she received training which gation. That city is what the bureau perhaps fitted her better than could terms a "man's town," that is, one in any other for the work she is underwhich the men represent the bread earners to the greatest extent, thus leaving the women in the home. The objects of years she was a member of the Illinois the investigation are several: The care state board of charities. A story is which babies receive in their first year, told of Miss Lathrop during her memnow small a salary it is possible prop- success which today is accorded her. erly to raise a family. The results are being secured by personal talks with the mothers themselves, and on account of town flood the governor of the state several months before any published charge of the situation. Miss Lathrop statement is possible.

While these two lines of work represent the principal labors of this new bureau. all that has been done. and helped materially in placing the For instance, one of the Handbook. first things done was to Other movements in which she has secure a "librarian reader" and translator, whose duty it should be to keep track of professional school for training men what is being done along child investiga- and women for social service, and ortion lines throughout the country, and ganizing the first school in this couneyen the world. The field being practi- try for teaching attendants in state incally unexplored up to the present, the task is a large one, but even now is ly, Miss Lathrop is an ardent advocate caught, whose timely interposition prebringing results. Much statistical ma- of woman suffrage. terial has been printed from time to time pecially those of the bureau of census

and bureau of labor. This, taken as a a man, Lewis Meriam. Mr. Meriam is a basis on which to work, will be constanty added to until sufficient data have Other been accumulated to compile a "handbook" which will conveniently show all available statistics with regard to chil-The children's bureau is to be a pioneer from the position of clerk to the posito blazon the way for remedial legislation wherever it is necessary. The Senate committee to which the bill to establish he bureau was referred reported that this bureau after having served for he bill was so drawn as to confine the many years with the bureau of labor, bureau's endeavors primarily to investi- and later with the tariff board, in both gations and reports of the same, the of which positions he was known as design being merely to furnish informa-The duty of proper child legisla- a statistical expert. The librarian

according to the committee, lay reader of the bureau is Miss Laura M. with the respective states, the duty of Thompson, a graduate of Chicago Uniaid in getting such information and data as would assist the states, being in a

originated just five years ago. According Latin, Green, French, German, for the ing to Miss Julia C. Lathrop, who is chief of the children's bureau, it was Italian and Spanish fluently, Miss dence of good faith: "You once said it was a disgrace to ing to Miss Julia C. Lathrop, who is Miss Lillian D. Wald, head of the Nurses' Thompson also is well versed in sev-Settlement in New York city, who conceived the need of such an establishment, member of the Phi Beta Kappa Frameetings which were called through while Mrs. Florence Kelley, secretary of ternity. Dr. Helen L. Summer, who those townships. We will take our oaths the allies. The powers are not for a fact presence of accomplished facts which the National Consumers' League, and a will be engaged in the investigations former resident of Hull House, now living at the Nurses' Settlement, first drew labor matters, having worked with not stay to those meetings at all any peculiar and full of suggestion. It may are at Rodasto on the Sea of Marmora, a up an outline dealing with matters which | Prof. John R. Commons of the Uni- more.' should be considered by such a bureau, versity of Wisconsin for a considerconforming closely with the provisions able time, and having written with of the law as it was finally enacted. him a book pertaining to labor condi-Dr. Arthur Newsholme, a noted Eng- tions. THE PERSONAL DELIVERY OF MESSAGES.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Congressional Record.

country.

From the Atlanta Journal.

"leave to extend his remarks" in the

President Wilson shows that you car

bust a precedent without upsetting the

by word of mouth, the younger element

in Congress appear to like it. The public, too, is undoubtedly pleased with the innovation, so what's the use of worrying?

Those critics of the President who do

not like his decision to visit the Capitol

and deliver his message to Congress in

person should remember the old saying,

'If you want anything really done, go

From the Providence Evening Bulletin.

yourself; if you don't, send,"

From the Buffalo Evening News.

dent Wilson did not ask Congress for with a professor to lecture the class.

While some of the old chaps in the which heated the wires with the news Senate resent the idea of President Wil- that he had used a-oh, well, every one

son's delivering official messages to them remembers what he said.

From the Bridgeport Evening Post.

From the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

acquainted with the boys.

From the Baltimore Star.

From the Syracuse Herald.

From the Utica Observer.

The President went right in to ge

Really, though, there hasn't been a bit

There's one thing to be said for these

personally delivered presidential messages

anyway. It's possible to read one now without taking a day off.

## YEARS AGO IN THE STAR

The first grand jury under the new court law of the District fifty years ago assembled the 6th of Grand Jury April, 1863, in the presence of Chief Justice Cartter and Justices Wylle

chief justice to this newly created body. The Russian and Bulgarian hymns suc-After reviewing the various offenses men- ceeded the religious hymns and the entioned in the act creating the court, ap- thuslasm was indescribable. Telegrams ute of July 17, 1862, defining treason and prescribing its punishment, and invoking the jury's careful consideration of this statute, he says: "The District is situated near the heart of the rebellion. It was here almost with-

that the arch traitors devised their schemes of national dismemberment and of those disasters were, at least to a certain extent, unavoidable, the latter ruin. It was here that men who had for absolutely so. Yet physicians say that long years lived upon the public treasat least one-half of the infant morury-men who had borne the highest tality is preventable. All that is babies which die anually is to put into the Constitution and laws of this counpractice some of the simple methods of try-officers whose golden epaulettes were paid for by money they had received from the United States-others, who had been educated at the public expense-one and all of them, with the awful crime The United States children's bureau of perjury on their souls, turned traitors should have a deep sympathy for orto their country and are now engaged phan children, for, like a in slaughtering those who have once homeless child itself, it loved and cherished them. found no office room in a "parent" government strucbetween loyal and disloyal states. There ture, but had to seek space in an office are still left among us many who, if building. It is located in the Victor they are in any sense loyal, love their country with a divided heart. There are building, 9th street and Grant place. some among us, it is feared, who are Perhaps the work which this "baby" traitors. There are others who aid and bureau is doing can be illustrated best comfort the rebellion. It is therefore of by something connected with these oftry that the Capital city of the Union fices. New and clean, the rooms occushould be free of any taint of disloyalty. pied by the bureau yet lack all of the It is an important step toward restoring essential comforts which are characterpublic peace and tranquillity that all who istic of so many government offices. aid and assist the enemy should discontinue their offenses or be punished ac-The furniture is good as far as it goes, but it includes merely the barest ne-

In The Star of April 7, 1863, is a brief news report of plans for the improvement of the Center child in her arms, such a woman as Center market, as follows:

than important to the country.'

"The details of the plan one may see in the cheapest district of Market. hanging there gives one the feeling the Center market, under the approthat those who make up the bureau priation of \$15,000 lately made therestaff are not mere statistical machines for by the city councils, by connecting, with the first story twenty-two to meet in Paris. feet high in the clear and the second Although the force which represents! story twenty feet. The roof is to be circular truss, with five rows of iron columns to receive the girders upon Hungary demanded that Montenegro which the beams are to rest. The should desist from further attack on front of press brick and the steeple in the center of the building thirteen feet square and of the same height, with a square and of the same height, with a spire above. It is designed to have King Nicholas was determined, and dethe lower story of the edifice completicated: "Either I shall return to Cethe conclusion that a large city could Julia Lathrop, chief of the bureau, is ed by the 1st of July next, and the tinje the conqueror of Scutari or not not be investigated thoroughly, but that a graduate of Vassar. Her father, at upper story by the 1st of August, and the contract will be made with that

tary and office assistant. Added to this It was not difficult to start sensational stories in circulation in Washington at this time fifty years ago, where, by working with Miss Jane False Alarm so highly excited was the pecially of Confederate plots and stratagems against the Capital. In The Star of April 8, 1863, is the following exposure of a canard: "A city cotemporary has a story of a with its result; the sanitary conditions under which the child exists; and, what is sure to offer interesting results, on this board which have won the whole thing amounts to just this: About terrible Guy Fawkes attempt to blow up whole thing amounts to just this: About 12 o'clock Saturday night an Irishman named Davis was found in the navy yard king would abdicate, but after his retire- fers a fine view with green gardens. near the laboratory and arrested by one

the scope of the investigation it will be gave the state board of charities of the watchmen and placed in one of the guardhouses. At the time he was found he was very drunk and had in his of matches. Monday he was released. Alexandria and was on his way to Baltimore, but getting drunk he could not find the cars and wandered around, getting in the navy yard by way of the marsh on the west side, which at low tide is sometimes passable, and was found, as stated above, by the watchman on the arrest a dreadful story to the effect magazine and set the yard on fire, but was hailed by a second guard and vented the man from putting his design into execution.

The assistant chief of the bureau is In The Star of April 10, 1863, is a new story telling of the discovery of secret graduate of Harvard and for six years previous to Resisting his present position was to resist the draft, eviemployed in the census covered in several counties where he steadily advanced of the Keystone state of such organization of chief of a division. Ethelbert tions, leading to arrests. These arrests Stewart, chief statistician, comes to were followed by meetings of the lodges, which showed a disposition to resist the authorities. About 280 farmers on the turnpike and marched into Reading four abreast and halted in front of the courthouse. A great crowd gathered and much hostility was shown against the members the federal government being merely to versity. Miss Thompson has had ten of the organization, one man being difficulty rescued by the mayor of Readposition to secure such information more Congress, and was recommended for ing. Following this demonstration some her present position by Herbert Put- of the members of the organization de-The idea of establishing such a bureau nam, librarian of Congress. Besides cided to withdraw and three of them lence of good faith: "We, the undersigned, will have our

#### THE LOST CHANGE.

(Being the meditations of an ex-President.) Before the Congress there to stand. Typewritten message in my hand, And there with emphasis to read The words that tell the country's need; To break a moss-grown precedent And show them that the President From the New Orleans Times-Democrat. is it criminal. It is simply out of the It may be noted in passing that Presi- ordinary in politics, but the usual thing And show them that the President
Is human and can frown or smile—
No effigy upon an isle
Of jealous, small authority,
But normal, just like you or me;
Thus in the ring to fling my hat—
Gee whiz! I wish I'd thought of that! If I had done that stunt, you know By Jove! it would have been SOME show— A big parade with troops and bands of doubt that Mr. Wilson was human since the famous occasion at Trenton

And on the Avenue grandstands, As I passed by in coach and four To hear the people cheer and roar; I could have worn a uniform, Taken the Capitol by storm; But grandest yet, most glorious sight, When I should stand up to recite My message telling where we're at— Oh, why did I not think of that? With thirty thousand words or more, The House packed full to every door, Each day I could have gone to speak And made it last throughout a week;

-Bichard Linthicum, in the New York World,

And made it last throughout a week;
In fact, as I am stren-u-ous
It could have been continuous.
Just like the moving-picture show
Or the "ten, twent and thirts," you know;
If I had thought of that, you bet,
I might have been the whole thing yet.
It's me and myself to the mat
Because I did not think of that!

Bichard Linthicum in the New York World Of course, it isn't as though President Wilson insisted upon riding his bicycle up the aisles of the halls of Congress. President Wilson probably desired to It is not Jeffersonian to be President read his message directly to Congress and personally address Congress, neither | because it was worth reading.

## ADRIANOPLE AND CONSTANTINOPLE

of Europe. Worthy of special mention is the effect produced in St. Petersburg and among the Slavs and Czechs in Austria-Hungary. In the Russian duma a te deum was sung by the and Fisher. In The Star of that date is deputies in the absence of choristers unan extended report of the charge of the der the direction of President Rodslanko.

proved March 2, 1862, he notes the stat- of congratulation were sent by the duma, the municipal council and Slav societies to the allied monarchs. On the 27th, when Constantinople learned the details of the capture of the sacred city, the consternation and dejection of the Mussulman population was

in the sound of my voice that the first very marked. The correspondent of the dark plottings of treason were matured. Daily Chronicle telegraphed from Con-"Disquiet prevails; it is feared that

Sabbah ed Dene, nephew of Abdul Hamid, published a letter, in which he attacked violently the committee of union and progress." A dispatch from Sofia on the same day announced that the Bulgarian armies, as

drove back the Turks with enormous losses and reoccupied the Soubatchojou-Tchatalja-Papas-Bourgas line which they abandoned after the armistice. It is recalled that the powers in their recent note in their efforts at mediation proposed to the allies that the future frontiers of Turkey should run from Midia, on the Black sea, to Enos, on the Aegean, along the Maritza river. All territory west of that line should be ceded by Turkey to the allies; the Aegean Islands to be arranged for by the powers; Crete would be ceded to Greece; the question of idemnity to be settled by an International commission at Paris, which would arrange for an equitable settlement of the participation of the allies in the Ottoman debt. etc.

The allies have replied to the powers cording to the law of the land. The faithful performance of your duty in ered as a basis, but not as a definite ered as a basis, but not as a definite line; the Aegean Islands should be ceded by Turkey to the allies; the allies should be informed beforehand of the proposed frontiers of Albania; the allies decreed that a war idemnity should be accepted by the powers in principle; the allies to be represented on the commission that determines the amount; the allies agree that hostilities shall cease when these conditions are admitted by the powers.

The fall of Adrianople has diminished very sensibly the assurance of the powers that they could easily Fleshpots control the new situation. April 5 the powers signiof Powers. fied to the allies that England, if possible, to be on edifice will arch 8th street, with stalls The powers proposed a line from Midia on the lower floor and a large hall to Enos, ceding both banks of the Maritza above, with steeple. The dimensions in accordance with the allies' demands. prise out of the level of mere routine indicate spaciousness-105 feet by 99 All financial questions such as indemnity to be left to a technical commission

Meanwhile, and most unfortunately for the peace that was in sight, Austriashould desist from further attack on Scutari, five forts of which had already been taken by the combined assaults of

The action of Austria-Hungary forced the hands of the powers, and especially of Russia, which could not permit Austria to make an isolated demonstration. and the ambassadors in London approved the joint naval proposition to force Mon tenegro to respect the demands of the powers that she should desist from her attack on Scutari and evacuate Albania. At this moment, for a fact, an internaships, one German cruiser, one Italian, one French, three British cruisers. Russia, it should be remembered, has sent no Gen. Gourko occupied the city, while ships, although she has given her assent Skobelef followed closely upon the re-

would abdicate in favor of Crown Prince Danilo. On the 9th instant dispatches from a great and monotonous plain surthe Serbo-Montenegrin throne being reserved to the king's family. This naval demonstration is a comedy, the retort of diplomacy, on the sugges-

face of Austria, which has been blustering and bluffing a; great deal from the commencement of the war against Turkey. This comedy, if it is a comedy, is considered necessary not only to save the face of Austria, but also to maintain a unity of action, in appearance at least, of the powers, who would preserve the peace Immune from

should be forced to make her cannon speak, Montenegrins would have attained their end, for then the pan-slavist world will take fire. The pan-slavist will rise against Austria."

The expression is to be noted because the Tageblatt is not an organ of panslavism. But the journal understands full well that Austria is treading on a

When the British admiral sent a note to the Montenegrin premier demanding that Montenegro comply without delay to the wishes of the powers the premier replied he regretted the presence of the fleet, which he considered "a violation of the neutrality proclaimed by the powers at the beginning of the war." King Nicholas, interviewed by a correspondent, said: "You may say that despite the measures of coercion taken Europe to add the ridicule of armed ple with the allies to suit the action to force to her injustice." The fall of Adrianople modifies the sit- acy on several occasions and placed uation very much and to the profit of diplomacy at a crucial moment in the

tion of abandoning any of this territory

The fall of Adrianople has created a Had Scutari been taken in time none of profound impression in all the capitals the powers would have thought of dispossessing Montenegro

The Temps expresses regret that the speech of Sir Edward Grey in the house Regret at more just to the allies and more fitted to Grey's Speech. the present situation. It was necessary to concede something orient had ceased to be the plaything of diplomacy; the Balkanic states by their victorious alliance had conquered their grand naturalization in the family of nasend them remonstrances like a village

for the triple entente.
As for wretched Turkey, her wretchedare to be settled. The solutions of these new crisis will break out and an attempt last fifty years have not been so brilliant that one should regret the change. Sir Edward Grey in his speech on the 25th ultimo said; "We have arrived at a point where danger of a general crisis has been avoided. The great powers proclaimed their territorial disinterested-

The powers, he said, had declared Atbania an autonomous state and assigned if to celebrate the victory at Adrianople, to it the Adriatic as a western frontier. gave furious battle at Tchatalja and They had agreed upon the frontiers in the north, it was now a question of fix-ing the southern limits. Sir Edward appeared to be wholly unconscious of the fact that the powers had planted, under the spur of Austria-Hungary, a spear in the side of the Bal-kan states. The Adriatic as a western frontier and with Italy and Austria in joint control in Albania was a situation quite as deplorable as that Bosnia-Herzegovina situation bequeathed by the treaty of Berlin in 1878. The powers in offering their mediation

had proposed to the allies the frontier line of Enos-Midia because its acceptance would prevent the question of Constantinople, Dardanelles and Asia Minor The main point of the speech of Sir Edward Grey is contained in the remark that if these conditions were acceptable ters without the intervention of the great powers. But if the conditions were not accepted, if they insisted upon a frontier line affecting Constantinople and the Dardanelles, and if the war was prolonged and the questions attaching to Asia Minor were brought up, then, one or more of the great powers might be interested in the conclusion of peace, not as a mediator, but as a party.

Sir Edward hankers manifestiy after the fleshpots of Turkey, broken as they are, and hopes, doubtles. to preserve enough of Turkey in Europe and of Turkey. Asia Minor to permit

power behind the throne. The Turk is

When Sir Edward Grey delivered his speech Adrianople had not fallen, and according to the Turks they had stores of cheese there which would take them over many months to come. But the Turks had not yet felt the fury of the Bulgarian and Servian soldiers maddened by the rigors of winter and Adrianople was taken by sheer desperation. It is the second time that Bulgarians have captured Adrianople. The first time a thousand years ago the Bulgarians

took it from Baudoin I In 1360 the city was taken by the Turks after the victory of Sultan Mourad I. For nearly a century it was the capital of the Ottoman empire and the favorite resiof Constantinople it has become the second city of Turkey in Europe. In 1829 the Russians captured Adrianople and obliged Mahmoud II to sign the treaty of Adrianople, which assured to them full liberty of commerce and gave them the months of the Danube and a

part of the paskalik of Akalzik, recog-nizing the independence of Greece and regulating the situation of Moldavia, Vallachia and Servia. In 1878, during the Turko-Russian war, treating army of Suleiman. Picturesquely situated at the confluence of the Maritza, toundja and the Arda, Adrianople stretches to the north

rounded by hills. In the distance it of-Montenegro would effect a union possesses forty mosques—one, that of Servia, the right of succession to Selim II, is the most cautiful in Turkey: the aqueduct of Soliman supplies water to the city. Situated forty leagues from Constantinople and thirty from Philippol Adrianople is the most important station which connects the capital of the Ottoman empire with Sofia and Belgrade.

The speech of Sir Edward Grey, which is taken as a threat to the allies, was followed closely the capture of Adrian-The allies b Intervention.

While Europe is very far removed from have cut themselves away in fact from any intentions of war, because there is any further intervention in their affairs nothing to be gained, but by the powers. And this has been made everything to be lost thereby, apparent by the declaration of M. Stanthere is always danger in ciof, Bulgarian minister at Paris, who of War. playing with fire. The Berliner has invoked the Bismarckian doctrine that "force precedes right." The force man!fested by the allies at Adrianople creates for them new rights. It is no longer a question for European diplomacy to as war. From the instant that Austria sure to Bulgaria a city which she now possesses. She cannot be asked to abandon any part of the territory she has conquered by force "at the price of sacrifices which exact a compensation." Henceforth the allies may exert a stronger pressure on the Tchatalja lines and perhaps add other triumphs which will merit new recompenses.

What, indeed, if the allies should now oppose to the note of the powers a downright refusal? Will the powers dare to take the risk of concerted action against the allies? We have read the expression in the Ber liner Tageblatt which it is assumed is fully appreciated at Berlin and at Vienna, warned already by the agitation existing called in this connection the phrase of von Moltke when, writing on the value of naval demonstrations in the orient, he

said: "All the fleets of the world may

not suffice to realize the partition of the

There appears to be an accepted princlthe word. They have doubled up diplom-

be recalled that in the beginning of the fact which Sir Edward Grey as well as war these same powers assured Turkey the ambassadors of the powers at London of the maintenance of the status quo and have wholly ignored. We have been subthe territorial integrity of the Ottoman jected to numerous surprises during the Balkan war against the Turk. One day Today the allies hold Adrianople, Sa- we may learn that the chatalia lines loniki, Monastir, Janina and the islands have been taken and that the allies are of the Aegean. Nor have they any inten- marching unresisted to Constantinople! CH. CHAILLE-LONG.

#### NOTES ON DEMOCRATIC TARIFF REVISION.

From the Indianapolis Star.

That black cloud you soon will see rise from the vicinity of Washington will be the tar the democratic Congress knocked out of the tariff. gress knocked out of the tariff.

From the Boston Advertiser. The democratic caucus has decided it talks over the new tariff. What is it with a few "greens" on the side. that the members wish to keep to them-

selves. From the Syracuse Post-Standard. because of his reciprocity proposal now get the reciprocity, only it is all the world instead of Canada, alone which is given access to our markets and we gain nothing in return. From the Baltimere Evening Sun.

from the Indianapolis News

Wood pulp on the free list should reduce the cost of breakfast foods.

from the Memphis Commercial Appeal. We may expect to live on a steady not to open its doors to the public when diet of tariff for the rest of the spring,

From the Knoxville Journal and Tribune. Will it pay to strike down a promising American industry, for the sake of The farmers who voted against Taft free sugar, that promises nothing for the consumer? From the Sloux City Tribune.

Those who do not get in the clear on the income tax schedule will view the revision program with hesitating enthusiasm.

From the Newark Evening News. Proposal to put a 10 per cent duty on indigo is calculated to make the In considering the effect of our pro- importers feel pretty blue.